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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, VS, CA

SUBJECT: ICCS REPLACEMENT FOR CANADA

REF: OTTAWA 1660

1. EXTAFF DIRECTOR EAST ASIA MOLGAT INFORMED US JULY 25 THAT GOC IS WILLING, IN PRINCIPLE, TO LEAVE STAY-BEHIND PARTY IN VIET NAM (IN ADDITION TO ADMINISTRATIVE FOLLOW-ON DETACHMENT DISCUSSED REFTEL) TO ASSIST ICCS SUCCESSOR NATION AFTER JULY 31. MOLGAT STRESSED THAT IF U.S. DESIRES STAY-BEHIND PARTY THAT GOC MUST HAVE CLEAR ASSURANCE BY COB JULY 27 THAT SUCCESSOR NATION CANDIDATE HAS BEEN SELECTED AND AGREED TO BY ALL FOUR PARTIES AND THAT PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT TO THIS EFFECT WILL BE MADE BY JULY 31. MOLGAT STRESSED THAT IF THESE ASSURANCES CANNOT BE OBTAINED BY COB JULY 27 IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOC TO LEAVE STAY-BEHIND GROUP AFTER JULY 31. MOLGAT ALSO EXPRESSED GOC HOPE THAT IT WILL BE INVITED TO LEAVE STAY-BEHIND PARTY IN VIETNAM BY SUCCESSOR NATION.

2. MOLGAT NOTED THAT GOC IS ANXIOUS THAT STAY-BEHIND PARTY NOT APPEAR TO BE SERVING IN ADVISORY ROLE. GOC
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INTENDS TO DESCRIBE FUNCTION AS "INTRODUCTORY". STAY-

BEHIND PARTY CONSIST OF FIVE OR SIX POLITICAL AND MILITARY EXPERTS. STAY-BEHIND PARTY WOULD STAY MINIMUM OF TEN DAYS AFTER WHICH AT LEAST ONE CIVILIAN MUST RETURN TO OTTAWA. MOST MEMBERS OF STAY-BEHIND TEAM COULD PROBABLY STAY TWO WEEKS ALTHOUGH SOME MIGHT BE ABLE TO STAY SOMEWHAT LONGER.

3. MOLGAT TOOK OPPORTUNITY OF CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF TO EXPRESS STRONG PERSONAL VIEW THAT SUCCESSOR NATION ADVANCE PARTY SHOULD ARRIVE IN SAIGON BEFORE JULY 31. ON JULY 31 GOC WILL BE FORCED TO HAND BACK ALL CANADIAN ICCS PROPERTY TO ICCS SECRETARIAT. MOLGAT IS CONFIDENT THAT THIS PROPERTY PROMPTLY WOULD BE REDISTRIBUTED AMONG HUNGARIANS, POLES, AND INDONESIANS. MOLGAT REQUESTED THAT WE PROVIDE MAXIMUM ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF ARRIVAL DATE AND TIME IN SAIGON OF SUCCESSOR NATION ADVANCE PARTY.

4. MOLGAT REITERATED CANADIAN POSITION WELCOMING A VISIT OF REPLACEMENT NATION REPRESENTATIVES TO OTTAWA WHERE GOC IS PREPARED TO CONDUCT EXTENSIVE IN-DEPTH BRIEFINGS. MOLGAT NOTED THAT BEST TECHNICAL EXPERTISE WILL BE FOUND IN OTTAWA AFTER JULY 31.
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